

CLAIMS

1. A delegate speech station for a conference installation comprising
 - an audio unit for changing audio signals into first signals,
 - a signal processing unit for converting first signals into second signals, and
 - an interface for sending the second signals to an external network unit and for receiving third signals from an external network unit,wherein the signal processing unit is suitable for converting the third signals received from the external network unit into first signals,
wherein the audio unit is adapted to convert first signals into audio signals and to reproduce audio signals,
wherein the second and third signals are based on a first communication protocol, and
wherein the communication of the external network units with each other is based on a second communication protocol which represents a network communication protocol.
2. A speech station according to claim 1 and further comprising operating elements for controlling the delegate speech station.
3. A speech station according to claim 2 wherein the operating elements are connected to the signal processing unit, and
wherein the signals produced by the operating elements are converted by the signal processing unit into fourth signals and are forwarded to the interface.
4. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims wherein the signal processing unit represents a digital signal processing unit and the interface represents a digital interface.
5. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims wherein

the audio unit has a swan-neck microphone.

6. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims comprising

a conference installation control unit for controlling the delegate speech stations connected to a conference installation.

7. A conference installation comprising

a network,

a plurality of network units connected by the network, and

a plurality of delegate speech stations according to one of claims 1 to 6, which are each associated with a respective one of the network units.

8. A conference installation according to claim 7 wherein

the network units each have respective specific network identifications.

9. A conference installation according to claim 7 or claim 8 further comprising

a network server for controlling the network.

10. A conference installation according to one of claims 7 to 9

wherein an operating system upon recognition of the individual delegate speech stations is transmitted to the delegate speech stations during a connection to the network.